

**COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL
MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2009**

The Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Committee on Council was held on Monday, October 19, 2009 in Committee Room #2.

Chairperson Moore recognized a quorum was present and the meeting convened at 11:31am.

The Following Committee Members were Present

**The Honorable Felicia A. Moore, Chair
The Honorable Mary Norwood, Vice-Chair
The Honorable Natalyn Archibong
The Honorable Jim Maddox
The Honorable Cleta Winslow**

The Following Committee Member was not Present

The Honorable Anne Fauver

Others in attendance were Rhonda Johnson, Municipal Clerk; Saul Schultz, Law Department; Cristina Beamud, Exec. Director, ACRB; General Public, Members of the Press, and Council Staff.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Agenda was amended to accept one (1) Ordinance, 09-O-1868, that will amend the 2001 City of Atlanta Precincts and Polling Places Ordinance. The Agenda was Adopted as amended without objection.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the October 5, 2009 Committee on Council Meeting were APPROVED without objection.

C. ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL AGENDA

The Full Council Agenda for October 19, 2009 was ADOPTED without objection.

D. DISCUSSION ITEM

Election Update – Rhonda Johnson, Municipal Clerk

Rhonda Johnson, Municipal Clerk, was asked to give an Election Update Report to the Committee. She announced that the Municipal General Elections will be held on November 3, 2009, at all of the regular Precincts and Polling Places in Atlanta. The polls will be open from 7:00am until 8:00pm on Election Day. The Election will be held for Mayor of the City of Atlanta, City Council President, fifteen (15) Councilmembers, nine (9) Board of Education Members and to retain Municipal Judges, for four (4) year terms. She also explained that if no candidate seeking election to any office received at least 50% plus 1 vote, a Municipal General Election Run-off will be held on December 1, 2009. She announced that Absentee and Early Voting began on October 13, 2009 and will run through October 23, 2009 and will be held from 8:00am to 5:00pm, at the Dekalb County Voter Registration and Elections Office at 4380 Memorial Drive Suite 300, Decatur 30032; and from 8:30am to 5:00pm, at the Fulton County Government Center, 141 Pryor Street Suite 4064, Atlanta 30303; at the North Fulton Service Center at 7741 Roswell Road Suite 209, in Sandy Springs and, at the South Fulton Government Center at 5600 Stonewall Tell Road Room 105, in College Park, Georgia,. Advance Voting will be held October 26, 2009 through October 30, 2009 from 8:00am to 7:00pm in Dekalb County at the same location indicated above and 8:30am to 7:00pm in Fulton County at the same location indicated above and at Adamsville Recreation Center 3201 M. L. King, Jr., Drive; North Atlanta High School 2875 Northside Drive at the corner of Kingswood Lane; and at the City of College Park Georgia 3631 Main Street. She explained that voting Absentee by mail was in progress. An Application could be found at City of Atlanta's website, www.atlantaga.gov and at the Secretary of States website <http://sos.georgia.gov/elections/voter/information/absenteeballot/app.pdf>. You can also request an application by mail, fax or in-person at the Voter Registration and Elections Office in Dekalb County at the same location indicated above, the fax number is 404-298-4038 or Fulton County at the same location indicated above, the fax number is 404-730-7024. The Absentee Ballot must be received in the appropriate County Elections Office by 8:00pm on Election Day. No voting will be held on November 2, 2009, the day before the election. A copy of the information referenced above is on file with these minutes and the meeting can be viewed on the City's website, www.atlantaga.gov

E. COMMUNICATION

09-C-1659 (1) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin appointing **Mrs. Hazel Jacobs** to serve as a member of the Civil Service Board on behalf of the City of Atlanta. This appointment is to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Carole Dortch which expires 5/21/2010. **(Favorable by Finance/Executive Committee 10/14/09.)**

FAVORABLE

F. PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE

09-O-1111 (1) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to amend Chapter 2, (Administration), Article II, (Council), Division 4, (Staff), Section 2-151 (a), (Sergeant-at-arms), of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, so as to make the appointment of a Sergeant-at-arms by the City Council discretionary rather than mandatory; to waive conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. **(Held 7/20/09 by the Committee for further review and discussion.)**

09-O-1541 (2) A **Substitute** Ordinance by Committee on Council to amend the 2001 City of Atlanta Precincts and Polling Places in Precinct 02D, 03N, 09F, 12A and 12B as a result of permanent or temporary precinct relocations; and for other purposes. **(Held 9/21/09 by the Committee for additional information and a substitute.)**

FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE

G. ITEM NOT ON AGENDA

09-O-1868 (1) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to amend the 2001 City of
*** Atlanta Precincts and Polling Places as a result of emergency precinct relocation; and for other purposes.

TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL

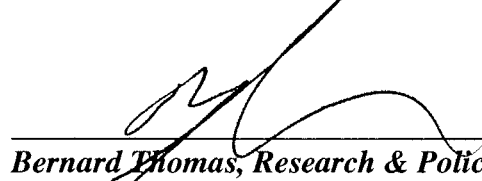
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45am


Respectfully Submitted:



Wasonna H. Griffin, Legislative Assistant



Bernard Thomas, Research & Policy Analyst



The Honorable Felicia Mopre, Chair
Committee on Council

REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

7/20/09

Council Operations Survey

The following questions were raised by the following Committee members.

Fauver:

1. What is the purpose of the Municipal Clerk's Office
2. Where should the Office of the Municipal Clerk be in the general structure of Government?
3. How does the function of the Municipal Clerk's Office tie into Council operations?

Archibong:

4. How does the Office of the Director of Council and Staff function?